



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Rain Brings Drought Relief

Data tables reflect the week ending: **November 14, 2010**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2009	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Cotton Harvested	88	83	49	79
Peanuts Dug	89	86	70	91
Peanuts Harvested	82	78	50	83
Soybeans Harvested	91	84	62	80
Winter Wheat Planted	61	44	N/A	N/A
Winter Wheat Emerged	34	N/A	N/A	N/A

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Winter Wheat	0	5	58	36	1
Livestock	2	14	48	35	1
Pasture & Range	28	41	25	6	0

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	6.0	18	28	54	0
District 20	6.1	50	15	35	0
District 30	6.3	10	34	56	0
District 40	6.3	45	48	7	0
District 50	5.8	31	50	18	1
District 60	5.9	29	41	30	0
State: Current Week	6.0	31	34	35	0
State: Previous Week	4.8	30	34	36	0

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: The Drought Monitor released November 9 portrayed the state to be 100 percent abnormally dry, 72.5 moderately dry, 40.2 severely dry, and 15.1 extremely dry, compared to 65.9 percent abnormally dry 3 months ago, and 100 percent free from drought a year ago. Daytime highs for the week ranged from 74 degrees in Guntersville to 81 degrees in Geneva and Headland. Overnight lows ranged from 27 degrees in Hamilton to 36 degrees in Bay Minette and Headland. Precipitation totals varied from 0.01

tenths of an inch in Anniston to 0.32 inches of rainfall in Hamilton over a period of 1 day.

Small Grains: Rain is needed to help not only the small grains already planted for winter grazing, but those yet to be planted. In Marengo County several producers just got started planting their small grains, and the rains coupled with adequate temperatures will help with this process.

Cotton/Corn/Soybeans: Donald E. Mann, County Executive Director in Jackson County stated that cotton yields were a little better than expected, with producers in his area averaging better than 900 lbs/acre. Mr. Mann also stated that corn and soybean yields were all over the board, with corn yields fairing a little better than soybeans.

Fruits/Vegetables: William D. Goff, Auburn University Pecan Extension Specialist, stated that following a cool spring, the pecan crop was delayed. Initially crop prospects seemed better than average for an off year, but as the season progressed, the pecan crop suffered due to the severe and prolonged heat and drought stress. The heat and drought came during the time that pecans were filling their kernels. As harvest began in late October, about two weeks later than normal, it was apparent that the quality was poor. Many nuts did not open at all, and were "sticktight," meaning that the shuck would not come free of the nut. Irrigated orchards fared better with quality ranging from moderate to good. On the bright side, pecans are at record high prices and export demand, especially from China, is very strong. Blueberries also suffered from the drought and heat stress. Ripe berries dropped quicker than normal, and berries remaining on the vine dried up and were not harvested. Watermelon production was also affected by the dry weather, while tomatoes fared better.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Mr. Mann stated that the recent rains have helped the pastures, but grazing is still short. This was also echoed by Brenda Glover, Regional Extension Agent in Hale County, who stated that the much needed rain will help winter grazing to grow. Jack Tatum, Regional Extension Agent for Shelby County stated that the rain will also help to fill ponds and streams.

ALABAMA'S Weekly Crop Weather for the Period: Monday November 8, 2010 To Sunday November 14, 2010

Weather Station	Air Temperatures				Precipitation			Precipitation since Jan 1			Avg. 4"	GDD Base 50		GDD Base 60	
	High	Low	Avg	DFN	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	% Normal	Soil Temp	Total	DFN	Total	DFN
District 10 Northwest Alabama - Tennessee Valley 46% of Corn Ac., 45% of Soybean Ac.															
Muscle Shoals	78	32	56	4	0.28	-0.71	1	36.42	-9	80		47	15	4	-3
Russellville	79	28	55	5	0.1	-0.91	1	32.45	-15.31	68		43	20	2	0
Belle Mina	79	28	53	2	0.28	-0.77	1	39.64	-6.83	85	54	32	3	0	-6
Huntsville Ag	80	34	57	5	0.12	-0.96	1	37.82	-10.66	78		52	20	3	-4
Hamilton	80	27	54	3	0.32	-0.79	1	48.08	-2.66	95		35	9	2	-2
District 20 Northeast Alabama - Appalachian Foothills 18% of Corn Ac., 21% of Soybean Ac.															
Anniston AP	79	30	55	0	0.01	-0.82	1	36.22	-9.7	79		39	-1	0	-7
Cullman Ag	79	29	55	4	0.11	-0.84	1	48.87	-1.67	97	58	42	13	1	-6
Sand Mountain	76	31	54	3	0	-0.96	0	34.76	-12.86	73	54	32	5	0	-5
Gadsden AP	75	28	52	-1	0	-0.94	0	32.64	-14.84	69		25	-8	0	-7
Bridgeport	76	31	53	3	0.25	-0.83	1	42.64	-8.15	84		30	6	0	-3
Guntersville	74	34	54	-2	0.1	-0.81	1	42.56	-3.26	93		34	-5	0	-7
District 30 North Central Alabama - 7% of Corn Ac., 7% of Soybean Ac.															
Thorsby	79	34	57	3	0	-0.89	0	37.43	-11.06	77	59	55	14	3	-4
Talladega	79	28	52	-3	0	-0.88	0	39.95	-8.66	82		25	-13	0	-7
Birmingham AP	79	35	58	5	0	-0.98	0	41.65	-5.3	89		63	24	9	2
Alabaster	77	33	56	2	0	-0.9	0	43.18	-6.13	88		47	7	0	-7
Pinson	78	30	55	4	0	-1	0	47.48	-1.13	98		42	13	0	-7
Opelika_Wtr_Plt	77	29	52	-4	0	-0.96	0	38.96	-10.87	78		27	-18	0	-7
Alexander_City	79	28	55	1	0	-0.88	0	36.35	-13.34	73		45	4	1	-6
Tuscaloosa AP	80	32	57	3	0	-0.93	0	37.53	-9.87	79		57	13	7	0
Jasper	78	29	53	2	0.2	-0.7	1	52	2.7	105		30	2	0	-5
District 40 South Central Alabama - Black Belt 7% of Corn Ac., 9% of Soybean Ac.															
Union Springs	80	30	56	-2	0	-0.84	0	29.74	-17.9	62		50	-2	3	-11
Marion Junction	77	31	55	0	0	-0.84	0	34.67	-11.67	75	66	44	-1	0	-7
Montgomery AP	80	31	56	-3	0	-0.89	0	33.94	-11.85	74		46	-12	1	-13
Livingston	78	31	55	-1	0.08	-0.8	1	48.59	-0.14	100		41	-6	0	-8
District 50 SW Alabama - Coastal Plain 7% of Corn Ac., 10% of Soybean Ac.															
Bay Minette	80	36	60	-2	0	-0.97	0	55.71	-2.34	96		73	-5	18	-8
Brewton AG	82	30	56	-2	0	-1.04	0	49.28	-7.24	87	68	49	-6	0	-14
Thomasville	80	33	59	3	0	-0.97	0	35.95	-13.96	72		70	16	16	2
Mobile_Bates	79	35	59	-3	0	-0.9	0	54.28	-1.93	97		64	-13	14	-11
District 60 SE Alabama - Wiregrass 15% of Corn Ac., 8% of Soybean Ac.															
Eufaula_Wildlife	79	32	56	-2	0	-0.79	0	52.6	8.16	118		44	-8	1	-13
Troy_Municipal	80	30	54	-4	0	-0.87	0	41.07	-4.49	90		34	-22	0	-14
Highland Home	79	31	56	-2	0	-0.94	0	44.02	-4.54	91		47	-11	0	-14
Geneva_Ag	81	27	54	-7	0	-0.81	0	40.85	-9.51	81	62	38	-29	0	-21
Headland	81	36	59	1	0	-0.82	0	37.81	-11.24	77	67	68	5	13	-6
Dothan	80	34	57	-4	0	-0.87	0	39.52	-8.48	82		50	-18	3	-18

DFN = Departure From Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period). Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Precipitation Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more. Air and Soil Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. PCT of Norm: Cumulative Rainfall since January 1 as a percent of normal (using 1961-90 normals period), 2008. Weather data prepared By AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955.

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